FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

1) The Update to the Initial Statement of Reasons

There is a non-substantive change in Section 160.00 due to a typo. In Section 160.00 (b)(2) "of" is changed to "or" in the third line.

2) Imposition of Mandate on Local Agencies or School Districts

The department's regulatory action amending Section 160.00 and adding Sections 160.02, 160.04, 160.06, 160.08, 161.00, 161.02, 161.04, and 161.06 to Article 3.1, Chapter 1, Division 1 of Title 13, does not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts and imposes (1) no cost or savings to any state agency, (2) no cost to any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code, (3) no other discretionary cost or savings to local agencies, and (4) no cost or savings in federal funding to the state. No studies or data were relied upon to make this decision.

3) Summary of Comments Received and Department Response

The proposal was noticed on July 7, 2017, and made available to the public from July 7, 2017 through August 21, 2017.

No comments were received on the regulatory proposal.

The modified proposal was noticed on September 21, 2017 and was made available to the public from September 21, 2017 through October 6, 2017.

No comments were received on the modified regulatory proposal.

4) Determination of Alternatives

The department did not consider any alternatives and no alternatives were identified and brought to the attention of the department. The only other alternative would to make no changes but this is not a viable alternative, as it would not solve the problem this proposal is addressing.